

28. (Amended) The method according to claim 26, wherein
the composition comprises a chiral onium cation allowing
enantioselective reactions.

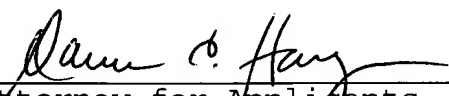
REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Appl.
No. 09/390,642. Claims 6, 26, 27, and 28 are pending, with
Claims 6 and 26 being independent. Claims 1-5 and 7-25 were
canceled by this amendment, and Claims 6, 26, 27, and 28 were
amended.

Claims 6, 26, 27, and 28 have been amended to
improve their form. In addition, Claim 6 has been amended to
correct minor errors contained in the formulas therein.

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MARK-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

6. (Amended) An ionic compound having a cation of the onium type with at least one heteroatom comprising N, O, S or P bearing the positive charge and the anion including, in whole or in part, at least one imide ion of the type (FX¹O)N⁻(OX²F) wherein X¹ and X² are the same or different and comprise SO or PF, [A compound according to Claim 1] wherein the compound comprises at least an anion selected from Cl⁻; Br⁻; I⁻; NO₃⁻; M(R¹⁰)₄⁻; A(R¹⁰)₆⁻; R¹¹YO₂⁻; [R¹¹O₂⁻,] R¹¹YONZ¹⁻; [[R¹¹ONZ¹⁻],] R¹¹YOCZ²Z³⁻; [[R¹¹YOCZ²Z³⁻],] 4,5-dicyano-1,2,3-triazole; [,] 3,5-bis(R_F)-1,2,4-triazole; [,] tricyanomethane; [,] pentacyanocyclopentadiene; [,] pentakis(trifluormethyl)cyclopentadiene; [,] and barbituric acid, and [barbiturique acid and Meldrum acid derivatives and their substitution products];

-M is B, Al, Ga or Bi;

-A is P, As and Sb;

-R¹⁰ is a halogen;

-R¹¹ represents H, F, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, arylalkenyl, alkenylaryl, dialkylamino, alkoxy or thioalkoxy, each having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms and being unsubstituted or substituted with one or more oxa, thia, or aza substituents, and wherein one or more hydrogen atoms are optionally replaced with

halogen in a ratio of 0 to 100%, and eventually being part of polymeric chain;

- Y represents C, SO, S=NCN, S=C(CN)₂, PR¹¹, P(NCN)R¹¹, P(C(CN)₂)R¹¹, and when Y is P(NCN)R¹¹ or P(C(CN)₂)R¹¹, then R¹¹YO₂, R¹¹YONZ¹, and R¹¹YOCZ²Z³ become R¹¹YO, R¹¹YNZ¹, and R¹¹YCZ²Z³, respectively, an alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, arylalkenyl, alkenylaryl having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms and optionally substituted by one or more oxa, thia or aza; a dialkylamino group N(R¹¹)₂ [N(R¹⁰)₂]; -Z¹, Z², and [to] Z³ represent [representing] independently R¹¹, R¹¹YO or CN, this group being optionally part of a polymeric chain.

26. (Amended) A method of using [The use of] an electrolytic composition [according to Claim 7 as a medium for], comprising the step of:

carrying out chemical or electrochemical reactions involving soluble species in a [the said] medium comprising said electrolytic composition,

wherein said electrolytic composition comprises at least one ionic compound of low melting point having a cation of the onium type with at least heteroatom such as N, O, S or P bearing the positive charge and the anion including, in whole or in part, at least one imide ion of the type (FX¹O)N⁻(OX²F), in combination

with at least another component comprising a metallic salt, a polar polymer and/or an aprotic co-solvent.

27. (Amended) The method [A use] according to claim 26, wherein [characterized in that] the composition is used as a medium for [reactions of] Diels-Alder, Friedel-Craft, mixed aldolization [aldolisation], condensation, polymerization [polymerisation], [and for] nucleophilic substitution, and electrophilic substitution reactions [substitutions].

28. (Amended) The method [A use] according to claim 26, wherein [characterized in that] the composition comprises a chiral onium cation allowing enantionselective reactions.